

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[001089] The invention relates to the use of compounds to ameliorate or treat a condition such as a cystic fibrosis, neutropenia or other exemplified conditions. Exemplary compounds that can be used include 3 β -hydroxy-17 β -aminoandrost-5-ene, 3 β -hydroxy-
5 16 α -fluoro-17 β -aminoandrost-5-ene, 3 α -hydroxy-16 α -fluoro-17 β -aminoandrost-5-ene, 3 β -hydroxy-16 β -fluoro-17 β -aminoandrost-5-ene, 1 α ,3 β -dihydroxy-4 α -fluoroandrost-5-ene-17-one, 1 α ,3 β ,17 β -trihydroxy-4 α -fluoroandrost-5-ene, 1 β ,3 β -dihydroxy-6 α -bromoandrost-5-ene, 1 α -fluoro-3 β ,12 α -dihydroxyandrost-5-ene-17-one, 1 α -fluoro-3 β ,4 α -dihydroxyandrost-5-ene and 4 α -fluoro-3 β ,6 α ,17 β -trihydroxyandrostane.